



**WEST CHICAGO ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL DISTRICT 33**

Kristina Davis Ed.S., Superintendent
February 15, 2024, Board Briefs

Rita Balgeman, Board President
Morgan Banasiak, Board Vice President
Tom Doyle, Board Secretary
Chad McLean, Board Treasurer

Felicia Gills, Board Member
Sandra Garcia, Board Member
Janette Hernandez, Board Member

The Board of Education's regular meeting was held at Lemay Middle School on Thursday, February 15, 2024, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance

Mrs. Morgan Banasiak, Mr. Tom Doyle, Mr. Chad McLean, Mrs. Felicia Gills, Mrs. Sandra Garcia, and Mrs. Janette Hernandez. Absent: Mrs. Rita Balgeman.

Changes or Additions

The board voted to approve Morgan Banasiak as the Pro Tem President.
Under Closed session, an addition of Student Discipline was made.

Shared Agreements:

1. *Make decisions according to what is best for ALL District 33 students.*
2. *Respect staff and other board members and their opinions.*
3. *Be willing to see things from the eyes of seven (7) people, not just one (1).*
4. *Allow everyone to complete their thoughts.*
5. *Commit to shared leadership.*
6. *Respect confidentiality.*
7. *Adhere to our belief in our students' full potential and successful future.*

Strategic Plan Goals

Goal #1 – Student Growth and Achievement

Goal #2 – Learning Culture of Equity, Engagement & Agency

Goal #3 – Professional Culture of Teamwork & Continuous Improvement

Goal #4 – Family Engagement & Community Partnerships

Goal #5 - Effective and Innovative Use of Resources

Shared Agreements Reflection

There are no shared agreements at this time.

Recognition/Showcase/Presentation

Showcase - Pre-School Showcase

Ms. Jessica Valdez introduced Liam D. and his parents, Mayra and Luis. Ms. Valdez presented the Preschool Parent Days. There have been 2 parent days held at preschool this year. Parent Day provides a look into the students' school-day lives. The first parent

day focused on routine, zones, and regulations. The second day focused on literary and play skills. Parents were able to see different ways they can read to their children to keep them engaged by play. Mr. Duran shared the different ways he learned to keep Liam engaged and how parent day provided an opportunity to meet new parents. Student Aria R. was not able to join us today, but her parents shared pictures of how they engaged with Aria at home.

Presentations - Winter Benchmark Results and Building Goals

Gloria Trejo, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, led the presentation with SIP status visits and academic goal information. Building Principals spoke further about the district's achievements and the differences between the monolingual and dual students. They shared the current scores, comparisons, and the plans that will be implemented to achieve the district, grade, and performance goals.

E.T.A.W.C. Statement

No E.T.A.W.C. statement at this time.

Public Comment

Michaela Juckins, Isabel Chaidez, Bridget Fors, and Meredith Tonarelli addressed the school board regarding the RIF of the part-time SLPS.

Follow-up to prior statement

No follow-up at this time.

Superintendent News - Preschool Superintendent News

The Superintendent News is to update the board and community on some of the many programs and activities occurring in the schools and the departments determined to help accomplish the goals of the District Strategic Plan.

Goal #1: Student Growth and Achievement

PreK School Improvement Plan Goal:

- By Spring 2024, 80% of P5 students will show grade-level performance (building middle), as measured by DRDP LLD 6: Comprehension of Age-Appropriate Text from the fall 2023 baseline.
- By Spring 2024, 75% of students will meet their individual growth goals measured by the PreK Literacy Rubric.

Ensuring the classrooms are rich in language and literature.

Through circle times, centers, and small groups, they incorporate read-aloud, small group literacy, Ellevation, Kagan strategies, and Message of the Day to increase an understanding and enjoyment of reading, Alphabetic knowledge, phonological awareness, and speaking and listening.

Engage families as partners in teaching literacy skills.

The most recent Parent-Child Day focused on literacy and play skills. They shared with parents why reading to their children is so powerful and broke down the individual literacy skills they can work on at home with their children. Teachers had children and parents respond to the read-aloud by drawing their favorite part of the story. The goal is that all PreK children will develop a love of reading in their homes.

This winter, they are ensuring the literacy work is aligned with the K-2 Literacy Handbook.

They are developing a PreK literacy scope and sequence, revising the components in the

Literacy Rubric, and ensuring the 4 Units of Study embed rich literacy experiences. This curriculum and literacy rubric will guide the instruction for students in 24-25. This revised rubric will align with the K-2 Literacy Handbook and further prepare the students for kindergarten.

Consent Agenda

The Board of Education conducted the following business on a consent agenda as follows:

- Approved the Board meeting minutes of January 18, 2024; February 1, 2024; and February 5, 2024;
- Approved the list of bills dated February 3, 2024, through February 16, 2024, in the amount of \$1,124,430.25;
- Approved payrolls of January 12, 2024, in the amount of \$1,965,735.43, and January 31, 2024, in the amount of \$1,902,708.65;
- Approved the disposition of the audio tape of the Board of Education's regular closed session dated August 4, 2022. Meetings that are at least 18 months old and meet the State criteria are disposed of;
- Approved the personnel report;
 - 3 Administration: Leah Nelson, Assistant Principal at Preschool, effective July 1, 2024; Whitnie Del Toro, Principal at Indian Knoll, effective July 1, 2024; Lea DeLuca, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning at ESC, effective July 1, 2024;
 - 1 Certified: Stephanie Garcia, Speech Language Pathologist at Preschool, effective 24-25 School Year;
 - 4 Classified: Blanca Guerrero, Accounts Payable/Benefits Clerk at ESC, effective July 1, 2024; Gloria Cardenas, Family Liaison at Pioneer, effective February 26, 2024; Karina Bucio, Paraprofessional at Preschool, effective February 15, 2024; and Alyssa Roberts-Kuehl, Lunch Supervisor at Turner, effective February 19, 2024;
 - 0 Resignations:
 - 1 Job Abandonment: Deida Reyes, Lunch Supervisor at ELC, effective February 15, 2024;
 - 0 Leave of Absence: Maria Sanchez, Custodian at Indian Knoll, effective January 22, 2024;
 - 0 Retirement:

Financial Reports

- The Board of Education reviewed the Treasurers' Report and Budget Report as of January 31, 2024, along with the financial charts;
- The Board of Education received a financial report from Karen Apostoli, Executive Director of Business and Operations, stating that since the last meeting, the District received \$1,200,907.00 payment for Evidence-Based Funding.
- The Board of Education received a summary of each school's monthly activity accounts as of January 31, 2024.

Discussion of New /Ongoing Business with Possible Action

- *No presentation follow-up at this time.*
- *Air Conditioning-Asbestos Abatement* - Fred Cadena, Director of Facilities and Grounds, provided the board with information regarding the asbestos abatement at Gary, Pioneer, and Turner. Fred also provided an update on the current asbestos at Indian Knoll. The Board will review and vote at the March 7, 2024 board meeting.

- *IASB Panel Presentation Topics* - The board discussed 3 topics of possible IASB panel presentations.
- *Member Advocacy Program* - The Board received information about the Member Advocacy Program (MAP) to be added to the district's existing benefit options. The Board will review the information and vote at the March 7, 2024 board meeting.
- *Practical Parenting Education Contract* - The Board received information from Sarah Norton for Practical Parent Education. Practical Parent Education would provide training for Family Liaisons to use when working with parents. The Board will review and vote at the March 7, 2024, board meeting.
- *RIF/Non-renewal/Dismissal of Certified/Administrative Staff* - The Board approved the following: Honorable Dismissal of Michelle Garcia, Michaela Juckins, and Meredith Tonarelli.
- *Staffing Transitions and Efficiencies FY25* - The Board received information regarding the 2024-2025 school year and the complete transition of Pioneer to become the Early Learning Center. The Board will review the recommendations for certified staffing transitions and efficiencies. The Board will vote at the March 7, 2024 board meeting.

Action Items

- *Administrator Compensation for 2024/2025* - The Board voted to approve the 2024/2025 Administrator Compensation. This would mean an overall increase of 2.02% to the total Administrator compensation package for the next school year.
- *School Board Self-Evaluation* - The board voted to approve the Board Protocols and Expectations updates.
- *Transportation Contract Renewal* - The Board voted to approve the contract with IL Central's proposal of a 7.1% increase for 2024-25 and a 4.25% increase for 2025-26 with the following conditions:
 - 1. Full implementation of penalties for missed/late routes as identified in the contract.
 - 2. Exercise the right of Termination as described in the contract should the performance quality not meet expectations for the school year 2024-25.

Information Items

The Board of Education received/reviewed/discussed the following informational items:

- Dual Language Implementation Update.
- Most current posting of available job positions in School District 33;
- Freedom of Information Act Report noting there were 2 new requests since the last board meeting;
- Out of District placement of Students with Disabilities report stating that 29 special education students and 2 general education students have been placed out of the district as of February 15, 2024;
- Short-term maternity leave report was shared;
- Student Chronic Absentee from January 10, 2024, through February 7, 2024, the percentage of students chronically absent district-wide is 20%;
- Student Suspension Report for January indicated 4 out-of-school suspensions, 15 in-school suspensions, and 0 Bus suspensions;
- The Board of Education was provided with the School newsletters from the buildings;

- Truancy Referral Report for January 2024, indicating that 0 new students were referred to the Regional Office of Education, and 8 students continue to be listed on the Regional Office of Education truancy referral report;
- No suggested items at this time.
- District 33, 25, 34, and 94 Board members attended the Trauma-Informed training.
- No Parking-lot at this time.

Report of District Committee Meetings

- The Board received the Opportunity for Influence update.
- No open comments at this time.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

The Board of Education members reviewed upcoming meetings and events.

Adjournment

The above review of action taken by the Board of Education at their regular meeting is provided in an attempt to keep you informed. If you have any questions regarding any of the information provided or wish to discuss any of the items, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Respectfully,

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Superintendent of Schools

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